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1. In June 1953 all sick and wounded prisoners, who were exchanged at Panmunjom, were welcomed and well-treated by the Communist authorities and citizens of North Korea when they entered North Korea. The prisoners were transferred from Panmunjom to Kaesong by truck. Here they were entertained at parties where they received luxurious foods. The cost of eggs in Kaesong went from 400 North Korean won to 650 won because of the many eggs used at the parties. The prisoners were put in a temporary hospital in Kaesong for 10 days. The Chinese Communist prisoners were then taken to Manchuria, and the North Korean prisoners were moved to P'yongyang where they were put in army hospitals for medical treatment. The recovered prisoners were then sent home, but those without families were given jobs according to a directive from the North Korean Army General Command. While in the hospital, each prisoner received 700 grams of rice each day.

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